

Leadgate Primary School – Friday Newsletter

Caring, Sharing, Learning Together

Tuesday 19th July 2022

This day in history

1545 King Henry VIII's flagship Mary Rose sinks at Portsmouth; 73 die

1900 Paris Metro opens -One of the densest metros in the world and the second largest metro in Europe, the first line of the Paris Metro opened during the World's Fair.

1941 British PM Winston Churchill launches his "V for Victory" campaign



Whole School Attendance Whole Year Attendance figures

Reception = 92.3 %

Year 1 = 91.1 %

★ Year 2 = 94.5 % ★

★ Year 3 = 94.5 % ★

Year 4 = 94.3 %

Year 5 = 93.2 %

Year 6 = 92.0 %



Congratulations

Well Done Year 2 for the best attendance in Lower School and Year 3 for the best attendance in Upper School across the whole year.

School Dates

Reopens Wednesday 7th September

End of year Message

A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone for making this such a wonderful year despite the challenges faced throughout the year, including COVID. I hope we have been able to provide more fun, excitement and experiences than we have been able to in the last few years and it definitely feels that we are heading back to full normality in September. I huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and ongoing commitment to the ethos and work of the school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have continued to work with us to improve the outcomes and experiences for all our children and finally a massive thank you and well done to all the children who have come back and faced the challenges of keeping up and catching up across the year. A special *Well done* to Year 6 and Year 2 who have had to face the return of national testing – you should all be very proud of what you have achieved this year. Best wishes to all our Year 6 children as they now move onto Secondary school life – we wish them every success and happiness as they move on.

Plans are already in place to add in all the trips, visitors and experiences we have had this year and more! Next year will see the return of Taekwondo and Dance classes across the whole school alongside Music skills and Instrument tuition from Early Years to Year 6. Swimming will return from the start of the year for pupils in keystage 2 and before Mrs Bowe takes up her new post I am certain we will get in a few more forest schools sessions. Plus so much more – including Residential!

September will see Lower school library finally fully refurbished and the opening of a new sensory room in Keystage 1 to compliment Early Years before we start plans to create a sensory room in Upper School.

Thank you everyone – Have a wonderful Summer Holiday and we all look forward to welcoming you all back on September 7th!!

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School Uniform

September will see a full return to school uniform. PE kits should be brought to school in a kit bag – PE days to be announced in September for each class on Class Dojo.

Date for the Diary

School photographs this year will take place on Friday 25th November

Parent Questionnaire

If you haven't already completed the parent questionnaire

I would ask that as many parents and carers take the time to complete the survey (link below) so that we get a true reflection of the schools work and identified areas of need. All responses are anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentsSummer22>

Residential

If your child is attending the Year 6 residential in October 2022

Please find below the kit list – please be advised that walking boots, wellies, ruck sack and waterproof coats are available at the centre so please do not feel the need to purchase especially

Items to bring Tick when packed

- Any medicines etc that you need (e.g. asthma inhalers)
- Warm coat or waterproof jacket
- 3 fleeces or thick jumpers; knitted jumpers are better than sweatshirts.
- 3 pairs of tracksuit bottoms (not jeans) for activities, plus 1 old pair for gorge walking
- In winter, extra warm clothes including warm leg wear (e.g. ski trousers or leggings, long johns)
- 3 pairs thick warm socks (wool) for wearing with boots
- 2 sweatshirts / long sleeved shirts (a high neck is good in winter)
- Changes of clothes for evenings
- Night clothes, wash kit, towel
- T shirts (in summer a long sleeved shirt will help to prevent sunburn)
- Underwear, handkerchiefs, ordinary socks
- Shorts and swimming costume in spring and summer
- 1 pair of old trainers for water sports (not plimsolls)
- 1 pair of trainers for activities (not plimsolls)
- 1 pair of indoor shoes or slippers
- Wool / fleece hat or balaclava (even in summer)
- Gloves or mitts (even in summer)
- Wellington boots (we can provide these if necessary)
- Drinks bottle / flask, sandwich box
- Sun cream (factor 25), lip salve, sunglasses (Start of April to end of September)
- Peaked hat / wide brimmed hat (Start of April to end of September)
- Torch
- Pens, pencils, money, stamps etc
- Carrier bags / bin bags – to pack dirty or wet clothing and shoes

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Full diary dates and class timetables will be confirmed and shared on Class Dojo at the start of the Autumn Term - once all timetables have been confirmed

Ear Rings

If you are intending to have your child's ears pierced, please be advised that it can take up to 6 weeks before they can be removed. Therefore, the best time to have this done would be at the start of the Summer Holiday so they do not miss any PE sessions upon return in September. Children may need to practice removing and replacing them for PE days in order to take part in the range of Sports and PE activities / lessons. Earrings should only be studs and not hoops as these pose additional risk to children at playtimes.

End of Year Sports Update from Miss Scarr

Its been a wonderful year – seeing sports and games being reintroduced across the school. And here are just a few brilliant statistics I thought you would like to know, looking at Upper School sport this year!

Number of KS2 children entering Level 2 competitions this year:

- 1+ competitions-77 (79%)
- 2+competitons - 44 (45%)
- 3+competitons - 22 (23%)
- 4+ competitions -11 (11%)
- 5+ competitions - 6 (6%)
- 6+ competitions – 4 (4%)
- 7 competitions – 3 (3%)

Number of KS2 children entering Level 3 competitions:

3 children, 4 events !

Club data: After school clubs - 1209 attendees over 71 nights and whilst Girls in school = 38% they make up 44% of attendees!

Thanks as always to Mr Baker - we couldn't do it without him.
Have a lovely summer everyone.

Now that children are off for the Summer Holiday there is no doubt they will also have more time for online activities – please be sure to continue to monitor their onine activities including Chat !

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving by definition three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied, as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- BULLYING**
Unkind comments or images which are put publicly in a group chat can be shared freely in a group chat allowing bullies an easy way to spread their message to a large group of people. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the bullying, causing misery and isolation to the victim feels.
- EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION**
This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on apps which require a certain level of access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to share or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, revealing sensitive information or images or videos. These could be viewed by those that they are part of the chat. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so that once they are sent to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.
- SHARING GROUP CONTENT**
It's important to remember that while the content of the chat is private between those in the group, individual users can easily share it. Messages, photos or videos sent outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and posted) is a real one. It's important to be aware of this and to discuss with your child the risks of sharing content that they don't know well in the group.
- UNKNOWN MEMBERS**
Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the chat, but it's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share there as they've put them online.
- NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO**
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be pinged with a notification. If this could mean hundreds of notifications a day, not only is the chat distracting, but your child's device will be constantly vibrating and your child's attention will be pulled away from their studies.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS**
Group chats are often used as a way for young people to gain social status. This could lead to some children feeling excluded, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to think about how they might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does speak a member of their group out, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.
- PRACTISE SAFE SHARING**
In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and to think about the consequences. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen online. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.
- AVOID INVITING STRANGERS**
Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information about them to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they don't want to do with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.
- BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE**
If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, encourage them to block the user, report the material, report them to the host app or platform and end the group. If your child's content could be put in a minor at risk, it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.
- SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS**
Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive distraction for your child, especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that their phone can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be better for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time when they're fully awake.

Meet Our Expert
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